

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL &
FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND CLINICAL PASTORAL
THERAPISTS**

TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

DATE: May 29, 2012

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Health Related Boards Conference Center
Poplar Room, 227 French Landing
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Hammonds-White, Ed.D. LPC, President
Brenda L. Dew, Ph.D., LMFT
James Philpott, Th.D., LMFT, LCPT
Stephen Caldwell, MDiv, Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Janet Scott, Ph.D., LPC, LCPT

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Waters, Advisory Attorney
Stacy Tarr, Interim Unit Director
Sherry Owens, Board Administrator

Dr. Hammonds-White called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. A quorum was present.

Ms. Owens ensured all participants were connected and all participants could hear each other with a roll call vote. Mr. Waters Board advisory attorney stated that the reason for this meeting is to determine whether this Board should convene to have a contested case hearing to issue a declaratory order on the petition or to refuse a contested case hearing. The Board is not being asked to rule on this issue at this time. The information that Mr. Waters has reviewed stated that it looks to be asking for an interpretation of the rule, but the Board is free to decide whether a contested case hearing is warranted.

Dr. Philpott made a motion seconded by Dr. Dew to proceed with the meeting electronically. The motion carried.

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Stephen Caldwell, that this subject matter requires timely action, the physical presence of all Board members is not possible considering the time period required for action and participation by some or all of the members of the Board by electronic or other means is necessary. The motion carried.

Dr. Hammonds-White asked for a summary of what Mr. Welch is asking for in the Declaratory Order. Ms. Owens reminded the Board that this information came up before the Board at an earlier time. Mr. Welch works for the prison system and the attorney for the Department of Corrections is skeptical on the scope of practice that is allowed for the Licensed Professional Counselors according to the statute.

Dr. Philpott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dew to convene a contested case to issue a declaratory order on Johnnie Welch's petition for declaratory order. The motion carried.

Dr. Dew made a motion, seconded by Stephen Caldwell to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board on June 29, 2012